

Our News...

June 9th 2017

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TO THE COMMUNITY OF ST MARY'S... GOD IS GLORIFIED IN ALL THINGS



The cooler days are really beginning to set in and winter is definitely here. Another busy week at St Mary's with great learning and achievement in all classrooms. It was a delight to see all the children's faces this week after being away for a week. I was completely overwhelmed by their genuine concern and support. They are truly an extraordinary bunch!

Wednesday was a beautiful yet personal farewell of our past Principal Sonia Jones. Our Mass allowed friends in our community who were blessed to have known Sonia to come and remember, and say their goodbyes. Father Jun Jun and the staff prepared a lovely liturgy.

On Monday I had my first opportunity to witness the "Foodies Team" enact their

election promise of morning tea in the canteen. It is always real learning when you see our children using their skills and knowledge in a real life scenario. The canteen line was solid and there were groups of children socialising over a hot chocolate. Well done to our entrepreneurial senior leaders. Miss Harvey wanted to remind everyone that a hot chocolate is \$1 and a piece of raisin toast is \$1. Thank you to Mrs Edge for allowing our learners to share your space!

Thank you to everyone who has made a commitment to support our up and coming deb ball.

It is one of our most lucrative fund raisers and truly supported by all in our community. Thank you to the P&F for the behind the scenes preparations. We look forward to a great night.



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 12th June: Queen's Birthday - Public Holiday
- 15th June: Prep - 2 take part in Gymnastics
- 16th June: Lightning Premiership & Reports home
- 19th June: P&F Meeting @ 7:30pm
- 19th - 23rd June Learning Conversations
- 21st June: St Mary's Term 2 Learning Expo 5:30pm - 7:00pm
- 22nd June: Gymnastics Prep - 2
- 27th June: Whole School Assembly @ 2:30pm

Catholic schools in Sandhurst are allowed 7 closure days a year for professional learning. At times this professional learning and the flexibility of dates is difficult to plan ahead. On the 30th June, which is the last day of this term St Mary's will be having a closure day for its learners. The staff will be working in their Collaboration with St Joseph's and St Patrick's along with some experts from the CEO on our Numeracy Inquiry Journey. I apologise if this is an inconvenience for anyone.

As a result of our last closure day the staff worked on our PBIS and behaviour policies. In the final weeks of school a copy will be sent home to all families. This policy has not been reviewed in sometime and unity and clarity was needed. Our positive behaviour policy will also include St Mary's travel expectations, to and from school. It was a great day of learning.

Thank you to everyone in the community who has expressed interest in the Child anxiety seminar with Tracey Farrell on June 20th. The whole staff along with families and others in the Cohuna community have been invited. We have had an overwhelming response and look forward to learning together. Anxiety is something that we can all experience along with our children. Please RSVP on the App if you are yet to do so.

With the cool mornings and glorious days, often our learners have jumpers on and off frequently. Many jumpers are being left around the school. Can I ask that our families please check that all uniform is visibly named so that all can be returned. Thanks everyone.

This weekend we enjoy the Queen's Birthday and enjoy the Monday with your family. I hope everyone has a happy and safe weekend.

God Bless - Jasmine Ryan (Principal)

LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

Every learner at St Mary's has a Learning conversation each term. Please access the link below, enter our event code and make a suitable booking for you and your child. Your child will need to attend with you.

<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au>

CODE: **udzme**

Parents please come prepared with your discussion points from your child's report which you will receive at the end of next week.



Maddison Hore - 9th

Chloe Dehne - 15th



Maddy was absent.

Green Team News

Nude Food Starts Again

This week we started our 'Nude Food' program which will be running two days a week - every **Tuesday** and **Thursday**.

On those days we will be hoping to have no rubbish left over from recess snacks and lunch. This means no packets, wrappers, plastic, boxes or paper. See if you can bring food that is in a container or and instead of wrapping your rolls and sandwiches see if you can put them into a container with a lid. Fresh fruit is a wonderful snack and be eaten at 'Fruit Snack' time and recess. To help cut the cost of your grocery bill parents could consider buying things in bulk then transferring into a container. Eg. sultanas, nuts, dried apricots, pretzels, slices and biscuits.

Each class will have a bag for their rubbish collection at recess and lunch and these bags will be weighed

to see which class has the least rubbish to win the certificate.

At the end of the year the class with the most wins will be treated with a surprise!!!!!! Worth thinking about and doing something about!!!!

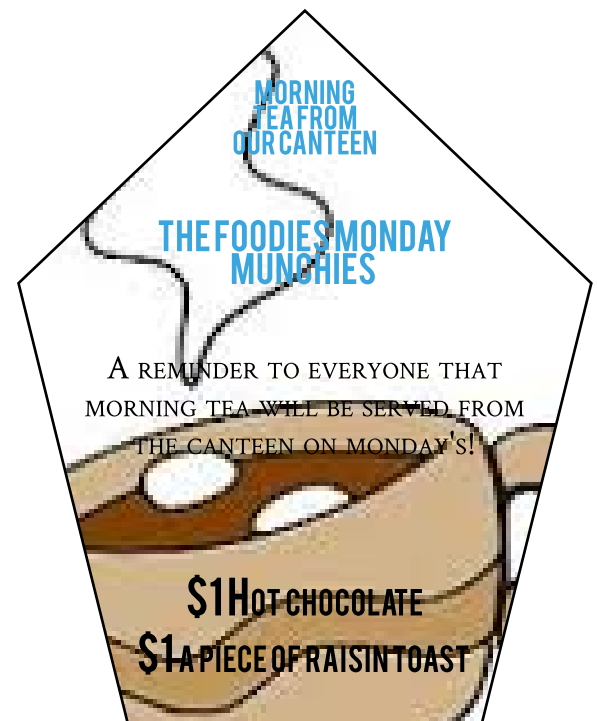
Mrs Laughlin

Green Team Coordinator.



ST MARY'S LEARNING EXPO

This term we will have our first Learning expo. A Learning expo aims to share with you the terms Learning journey from your child's perspective. On Wednesday 21st June from 5:30pm - 7:00pm the school will be open for all families to view our learning. This is a very informal yet beneficial way to engage in your child's success stories of the term! An invite will come home this week with further details.



AWESOME EFFORT



Well done Marli Easton on your awesome effort at Swan Hill Cross Country. Marli came 11th and is now off to Melbourne! Sensational Marli!